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Record of Variance Action

This variance allows the Department to house Rikers Youth and Adolescent Offenders in a facility that does not have necessary child care and a nursery program for youth who give birth while in custody.

Type of Variance: Limited

Date on which variance will commence: July 10, 2018

Time period, if any: Six months, ending January 10, 2019

Minimum Standard for which Variance is Granted: 3-06(e)(5)

Date on which Board of Correction first approved variance (for renewals only): N/A

Requirements imposed as conditions on variance:

1. DOC shall submit a written plan to BOC by the October 2018 Board meeting that will include a description of the wrap around model of support services ACS shall offer to pregnant youth and to all young mothers and fathers residing in Horizon; the service providers who shall provide such support services; and the timeline for procurement of such services.
2. DOC shall notify the Board, in writing, of each admission of a pregnant youth to a facility within three business days of such admission and such notification shall include a description of the steps to be taken to seek her transfer to a facility where she can reside with her baby.
3. DOC shall ensure that the agencies maintain appropriate placements outside of the SSD facility for pregnant and parenting girls where these youth could be placed without being separated from their children.